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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Legislative Liaison

FROM: Robert W. Magee
Director of Personnel

SUBJECT: Meeting at Senate Select Committee on Intelligence
(SSCI) Re Former Spouse Legislation

REFERENCE: Memo for the Record, fm [] Legislation
Division, OLL, dtd 10 Jan 84, Same Subject
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1. Reference was the first indication received in this office that staff members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) were involved in reviewing complaints regarding the Agency's implementation of former-spouse legislation. Given the importance of the meeting at SSCI, I am surprised that the Office of Personnel (OP) was not advised that such a meeting was taking place or given an opportunity to provide relevant information on the Agency's implementing procedures.

2. There was a lot of Agency effort put into advising employees, retirees, and through them spouses regarding the provisions of the former-spouse legislation. A summary and copies of Agency notices to employees and letters to retirees are included in Attachment A. Also, included is an excerpt from the FY-83 annual independent analysis of CIARDS prepared by [] and forwarded to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) (Attachment B). In his report,

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[] praised the Agency's efforts to implement and publish information on a very complex matter.

3. The remarks made at the meeting regarding the lack of knowledge and assistance provided by the Family Employee Liaison Office (FELO) do not correspond with the operating procedures and information provided by that office. Copies of the former-spouse legislation are included in packets handed out by FELO to its clients. FELO quite often receives calls and inquiries on the former-spouse issue and those calls are routinely referred to either the Office of General Counsel (OGC) or the Retirement Affairs Division (RAD) for assistance. In fact, two of the four spouses who attended the meeting at SSCI had direct dealings with FELO and received pertinent information and assistance. Similarly, there has been a great deal of effort expended in advertising the existence of FELO. This included a seminar for non-Agency-employed spouses conducted in April 1983. Another such seminar is scheduled for the Spring of 1984.


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4. There also was a question raised regarding Agency procedures for notifying new employees on the provisions of former-spouse legislation. New employees are provided with an information sheet detailing this data at the time of entrance on duty. The procedure for new employees began in early 1983 and the information was provided retroactively to individuals entering on duty with the Agency on or after 15 November 1982, the effective date of the legislation. A copy of the information sheet provided to new employees is included as part of Attachment A.

5. Reference memorandum indicates that the SSCI is expecting additional information relevant to this issue. This office is available to assist in whatever action is deemed appropriate.


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Attachments: a/s